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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: RESUMPTION OF USG-GOP TALKS

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1. USDEL IS PREPARED TO RETURN TO LIMA FOR TALKS STARTING AUGUST 2 PROVIDED GOP CAN OFFER EXPLICIT ASSURANCES THAT IT IS WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON CENTRAL ISSUE OF A PRIORI CONTROLS. WE BELIEVE THAT UNLESS GOP IS WILLING TO MODERATE ITS DESIRE TO EXERCISE UNILATERAL A PRIORI DETERMINATION OF CAPACITY IN FAVOR OF SOME PROGRESSIVE BILATERAL MECHANISM, A FURTHER ROUND OF TALKS AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE.

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2. IF PRESENT UNDERSTANDING, AS EXTENDED DE FACTO IN JULY, EXPIRES WITHOUT AN ALTERNATE ARRANGEMENT HAVING BEEN REACHED, WE WOULD REVERT TO THE REGIME OF THE 1946 AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED IN 1966. THE ROUTE SCHEDULES SPECIFIED IN THE 1966 AMENDMENT WOULD ALSO BE REINTRODUCED. THE USG CONTINUES TO INTERPRET THE 1966 AMENDMENT AS DENYING THE RIGHT TO EITHER PARTY THE EXERCISE OF

UNILATERAL A PRIORI CONTROLS OVER CAPACITY, FREQUENCIES, AND AIRCRAFT TYPE. IF THE PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES WERE THEN TO IMPOSE A PRIORI UNILATERAL RESTRICTIONS ON BRANIFF,

SUCH AS BY DENYING THE PROPOSED DALLAS/FT. WORTH-MEXICO CITY-BOGOTA-LIMA SERVICE, US AUTHORITIES WOULD BE INCLINED TO UNDERTAKE CORRESPONDING ACTION REGARDING OPERATIONS OF PERUVIAN AIRLINES.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO THE PERUVIAN AUTHORITIES AND REQUEST EARLIEST POSSIBLE INDICATION OF PERUVIAN POSITION REGARDING A PRIORI CONTROLS. DECISION TO RESUME TALKS WILL BE BASED ON EMBASSY'S RESPONSE.

4. DEPARTMENT SPOKE TO VEGA OF PERU EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING POSSIBLE FOREIGN OFFICE PAPER MENTIONED REFTEL. VEGA INDICATED HE HAS NO CONCRETE PROPOSAL EXCEPT TO SUGGEST THAT ISSUE OF A PRIORI CONTROLS MIGHT BE DEFERRED WHILE OTHER ITEMS ARE DISCUSSED. AS A PRIORI ISSUE IS CENTRAL TO AGREEMENT, WE DO NOT WISH TO ISOLATE IT FROM REST OF PACKAGE, AND FIND VEGA'S SUGGESTION UNHELPFUL.

5. IF PERUVIAN RESPONSE TO PARA 3 IS POSITIVE, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR USDEL ESTIMATED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BE SEVEN PERSONS. REQUEST ROOMS FOR SEVEN NIGHTS BEGINNING AUGUST 1. CHRISTOPHER

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